GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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PROPHYLACTIC CURATIVE TREATMENT FOR HIV/ AIDS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the treatment (both prophylactic and curative) is available to the patients suffering from HIV/AIDS;

(b) if so, whether such treatment is approved by the WHO;

(c) the details of the percentage of HIV/AIDS patients getting Anti-retroviral treatment at present in the country;

(d) the number of HIV/AIDS patients in the country including the number of patients getting anti-retroviral treatment and the percentage of patient getting this treatment from the Government and private hospitals;

(e) the total expenditure required for one patient to undergo anti-retroviral treatment for a period of one year;

(f) whether there is any insurance coverage policy now in existence for the HIV/AIDS patients to cover the treatment sponsored by the Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) with the help of insurance companies; and

(g) if so, the contribution of the Government towards the insurance cover of the people living with HIV/AIDS?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) & (d) There are estimated 5.2 million HIV+ persons in the country. Approximately 5.2 lakh (10%) of HIV+ persons may require Anti-retroviral treatment. Currently, 33,542 patients are receiving anti-retroviral treatment in 54 Government hospitals in the country. The number of patients receiving treatment in private hospitals is not maintained by National AIDS Control Organisation.

(e) The cost of antiretroviral drugs is Rs.7848/- per patient per year.

(f) & (g) No Sir. Question does not arise.